







Arrest after assault in adult store

By KIT JACKSON

A TOP cop has been charged with attacking a sex shop worker - in a rage over his partner wanting to buy a toy penis larger than his

own manhood.

David DeWitt went to an adult store with a woman and began arguing about sex toys, before lashing out at a store assistant who intervened in the argument.

He has since been suspended, pending an investigation.

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Zara apology for 'war pic' ad campaign

ZARA says it "regrets" a "misunderstanding" about an ad campaign criticised for using

criticised for using photos resembling images from the Israel-Gaza war.

It has pulled the pictures following days of backlash on social media and complaints to the UK's advertising watchdog.

One image showed a model holding a mannequin wrapped in white plastic.

Zara said some customers saw

Zara said some customers saw "something far from what was intended". Some social media users called for a boycott of the fashion retailer. Zara said that the campaign was "conceived in July and photographed in September". Zara's campaign contained images in which the model was pictured against a background of cracked stones, damaged

stones, damaged statues and broken plasterboard.

Downpours to hit travel

WET weather warnings WEI Weatner Warnings have been issued for parts of the UK as heavy rain could bring flooding and travel disruption over the next few days. An alert for southeast

Scotland and northeast England came into force at 9am on Tuesday and lasts until 8am on

Wednesday.
A separate warning is also in effect for Northern Ireland.

The Met Office says affected areas could see disruption to bus and train services, while power cuts and flooding of homes and businesses are also likely.

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Expensive climate change talking shop fails...again

IT'S taken many world leaders, including King Charles, thousands of activists and hangers-on, Christ knows how many private jet flights and the latest climate change talks have achieved NOTHING... again.

Hot-air delegates "worked" late into the night as Monday became Tuesday to try and thrash out a deal to slow global warming.

But a stark standoff between

countries that want a dramatic phase-out of fossil fuels and those that don't crushed hopes for an on-time finish to a critical

climate summit yesterday.
The United Nations-led summit known as COP28 was scheduled to end around midday yesterday after nearly two weeks of speeches, demonstrations and negotiations.

But Monday's release of a draft agreement angered some countries that insist on a commitment for rapid phase-out of coal, oil and gas. Instead, the draft called for

countries to reduce "consumption and production of fossil fuels, in

a just, orderly and equitable

Majid al-Suwaidi, COP28 Director-General, said Monday night's draft was meant to get countries to start talking and presenting what are deal-killers for them, which are called "red lines". "The text we released was a

starting point for discussions,' he said at a news conference yesterday. "When we released it, we knew opinions were nolarised, but what we didn't know was where each country's 2023 H.E. Dr. Sultan

BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD: Majid

red lines were.'

"We spent last night talking, taking in that feedback, and that has put us in a position to draft a new text," he said.

COP28UAE

Child killer Letby to be

struck off CHILD serial killer Lucy Letby does not oppose a bid to strike her from the nursing ner from the nursing register but maintains her innocence in respect of her convictions, the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) has been talk been told.

The 33-year-old was sentenced in August to 14 whole-life orders after being convicted of murdering seven babies and trying to

oadles and trying to murder six others. An NMC fitness-to-practice panel was told Letby was asked in a "tick-box exercise" if she accepts the NMC charges. charges.

She ticked "ves" to She ticked 'yes' to each of the charges but added: "I do not wish to take part or be present at the hearing. I do not resist the application to strike me off the

nursing register.
"I accept the fact of the convictions. However I do not accept that I am guilty of any of the allegations. I maintain my innocence in respect of all of the convictions. These convictions. These convictions are now the subject of an appeal."

Wage growth starts to stall

WAGE growth has slowed and the UK jobs market is showing signs of stalling, latest figures show.

Pay growth eased to October while the number vacancies dropped. But while earnings are

But while earnings are not rising as quickly as before, they still outpace inflation – which measures the rate at which prices are going up. This suggests that the Bank of England is less

likely to cut interest rates. UK job vacancies also continued to fall, this time by 45,000 between September and November.

This is now the longest period of decline on record, longer than in the immediate aftermath of the 2008 downturn," said Darren Morgan, of the Office for National Statistics.



LONDON could be laid waste by radioactive "dirty bomb smuggled into the UK by small boats migrants in an attack by organised criminals.

That's the warning by a top bomb boffin who says that chaos

By COLIN HURST news@sundaysport.co.uk

caused by Russia's invasion has undermined security at

'severely' undermined security at Ukraine's nuclear power stations. Radioactive substances could be smuggled out of Ukraine's besieged nuclear power plants and end up being used to create 'dirty bombs' for terror attacks in the UK if border security is not tightened across NATO, Dr Bahram Ghiassee has warned. Dr Ghiassee said war

Dr Ghiassee said war in Ukraine increases the risk of terrorists,

the risk of terrorists, proxy groups acting for 'hostile states' and crime syndicates gaining access to the radioactive substances, allowing them to make the crude atomic bombs. "Such devices could be used in attacks on crowded public events and transport hubs in London and other major cities," Dr Ghiassee said in a report.

He warned that given that 45,000 migrants entered the UK illegally in 2022, there is a real risk that radioactive substances could 'easily be smuggled into the be smuggled into the UK for 'malicious activities', including

missing this week with

Edinburgh.
OUTLOOK: We fade to

cloud and rain virtually anywhere.
Temperatures of 8C in London, 9C in Cardiff, 7C in Manchester, 8C in Belfast and 3C in assassinations and the construction of 'dirty bombs'

Ghiassee urged

Dr Ghiassee urged the UK and European countries to strengthen their borders to prevent the illicit trafficking of radioactive substances in order to 'protect their national security'.

Since Russialaunched its full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 and took over one of the world's largest nuclear power plants, the world has watched with bated breath as to with bated breath as to whether a nuclear catastrophe could occur.

Plutonium

more than continued are fuel rods containing plutonium stored inside metal casks inside towers at Zaporizhzhia, which are vulnerable to aerial

attacks.

Dr Ghiassee said the aerial attacks on the



Ever since Russian troops took control over Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant in Ukraine, Kyiv and Moscow have traded blame for shelling the facility and accused each other of nuclear terrorism.

Alarmingly, there are more than 3,000 spent

nuclear plant could make it easier to create

make it easier to create nuclear 'dirty bombs'.
Such a device – which has long been a nightmare scenario for counter-terror experts – combines conventional explosives with nuclear material to disperse a fatal radioactive plume over a wide area

over a wide area.
Those close the blast would be killed the blast would be killed instantly while survivors would be terrified and scrambling to get away from the radioactive fallout knowing that the material can cause serious illness such as knowing that the material can cause serious illness such as cancer.



Showers will hit the south of England.
Temperatures of 8C in London, 9C in Cardiff, 7C in Manchester and Belfast and 3C in laburate

has sun

Edinburgh.





HOLLYWOOD scorcher Emma Stone's latest co-star says she loved shooting "outrageous" and "perverse" scenes for their flick.

scenes for their flick.
Emma and actor Mark
Ruffalo star together in
raunchy sci-fi movie Poor
Things, which hits cinema
screens in the New Year.
Viewers at its premiere at
the Venice Film Festival
back in September noted
that parts of the movie were
so graphic that they had to
head for the door!
Now, Emma, 35, and
Mark, 56, have lifted the lid
on shooting their steamy
scenes.

Avengers actor Mark said that he loved bonking his co-star on-screen because "it's so comedic and it's so outrageous and it's just so

outrageous and it's just so perverse".

La La Land stunna Emma plays lead Bella Baxter in the flick, who is brought back from the dead as her unborn child's brain is implanted into her own head.

Audiences at its premiere were left soutrming in their

were left squirming in their seats as they watched her journey, while unearthing a serious sexual appetite along

the way.

Director Yorgos Lanthimos
has described how Emma
fully embraced the character

of Bella in the movie.
Yorgos said: "We felt that
we shouldn't shy away from



MOVIE PALS: Mark and Emma

it. It would feel disingenuous to tell this story about this character who is so free and so open, and then be a prude about the sexual aspect of it.

"It was clear from the beginning, but also from the novel, from the script, from my discussions with Emma, as well, and how we came up with those scenes. She had to be free... there should be no judgment."

He added that Emma was "just incredible" in the role, gushing: "The vulnerability of it, the sensitivity and the humour of it — it's just so difficult to do. I just don't know how she did it."

In one scene, Emma's nympho character stuffs a cucumber into what she calls her "hairy business".



Harry's book tops charts

THE Duke of Sussex's memoir Spare was the best-seller of 2023 in the UK, says Amazon.

Harry's controversial book, detailing his fractured relationship with his family, and his grief over the death of his mother, was published in Januar

It pipped cookbooks

for air fryers and slow cookers

to the top spot.

Lessons In Chemistry
by Bonnie Garmus was the best-selling fiction book of the year at fourth, ahead of Richard Osman's fourth instalment in The Thursday Murder Club series, The Last Devil



Support dog owners drive mutts mad!

SOPPY types who crave "emotional support dogs" to get through the rigours of life are driving hounds MAD!

Vets and trainers say pups are increasingly dealing with their own issues, often as a result of soothing their needy owners.

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"A lot of dogs are used for emotional support, but it's worth remembering that these are not stuffed animals," said Dr Andrea Y. Tu, medical director at Behaviour Vets of New York.

"Dogs feed off the energy we exude."

Two years ago, John Demsey, then the Executive Group President at Estee Lauder, had to quit his job over a controversial Instagram post.

Instagram post.
Shortly after, his dad passed away, and Demsey's dogs were his main source of solace.

Fortress

"My animals sensed my sadness and literally built a fortress around me... they had a profound influence in """ said "My animals sensed calming me down," sai the Upper East Sider. "I take emotional

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support animals to a whole new level." These days, Demsey is back on his feet but

is back on his feet but his dogs are now having mental health struggles of their own.

"Tve started to travel a lot, so the separation anxiety for them is staggering," he added. Demsey previously had his French bulldog Sugar on Prozac to manage her stress, but now he opts for a more natural cure. Once a month, Sugar gets a monthly lavender bath and massage at The Dog Store on East 61st Street, as does Demsey's Goldendoodle called Roxy.

"It is incredibly calming and soothing, and they love it," he said of the treatments, which goet 62000.

said of the treatments, which cost £300. "Not only does it relax them, they smell

Potter potted for £55,000

A RARE first edition copy of a Harry Potter book bought for just £10 has sold for £55,0000. The "fantastically well-preserved" edition of Harry Potter and the

Philosopher's Stone fetched the eye-watering price at auction.

The hardback, from the original print run in 1997, was discovered in a shop in the Scottish Highlands later that year by a 58-year-old woman who wishes to remain

anonymous.

She even managed to get £2 knocked off the price because it didn't have a dust jacket!





gift that keeps on giving...
In her latest Instagram video, the saucy poplet rolled around in bed in just her pink underwear.

The 42-year-old *Toxic* singer posted the two racy Instagram posts from her lavish Los Angeles mansion.

Stroking

Fans saw the star stripped down to just her bright pink, tiny underwear.

She lay down in her bed, on her side, and filmed her body while stroking her hips seductively.



Britney panned the camera up and down her body raunchily.

The next shot showed Britney sitting up on her thighs as she pushed her thong up and down her hips, driving followers wild!

She captioned the semi-filth: "I

love a push-up bra but I don't like padded push-up bras!
"This bra is genius... it pushes you up and there's no padding!
Also, it's silk!"

As a tribute to Britney's sauce, here are some more babes in pink smalls...













Jen: Perry was happy at the end

JENNIFER Aniston says she texted Matthew Perry on the morning of

says sne texted matthew Perry on the morning of his death and he was happy, healthy, and "not in pain".

The actress, 54, who played Rachel Green opposite Perry as sarcastic and witty Chandler Bing in US sitcom Friends, said Matthew was "getting in shape" before his death at the age of 54 on October 28.

"He was happy. He was healthy. He had quit smoking," Jen told Variety when asked how Perry would want to be remembered.

"I was literally

"I was literally texting with him that morning. He was not in pain. He wasn't struggling. I want people to know he was really healthy, and getting healthy. He was on a pursuit. He worked so hard.

"I miss him dearly. We all do. He made us laugh really hard." Aniston added that

Aniston added that the messages of love from around the world after the news of his death broke were "so beautiful".

Fact me!

IN the late 1960s, British Columbia woodsman Francis Wharton shot a deer and used its teeth to make dentures for himself. He then cooked and ate the deer – using the deer's gnashers.

Contract price rises reined in

PHONE, TV and broadband customers must be told about any mid-contract price rises at the point of sale and "in pounds and pence" under new plans.

Telecoms regulator
Ofcom said it was
concerned contracts were concerned contracts we not providing "sufficient certainty" to customers due to many firms including mid-contract price hikes that are linked to inflation.

The move comes

following a review by the regulator in February. Millions of customers have been hit by bill increases this year, due to high inflation.

Companies often set out in contracts that monthly charges will go up in line with inflation, which is the rate overall prices are rising across the economy.

But high rates of

inflation over the course of the past year have led to customers being charged much higher amounts than in any previous years.





MARRIED:

Adam and Lena

ONLINE personality Adam22 says it takes a "real man" to let his wife sleep with another bloke, as he and his porn star missus Lena the Plug prepare to debut a vid of a threesome. A month after the married couple launched the reality show For the Love of Lena, that saw randy contestants fighting for a chance to have a threesome with the couple, they have now shared that the winner is porn stud Lil D. Adam, 39, and Lena, 32 – real name Lena Nersesian – made headlines after podcast host Adam granted his sexy

host Adam granted his sexy wife permission to sleep with another porn star, Jason Luv, on camera.

on camera.

Now, after several blokes fought for a chance to be involved with the husband and wife duo, Adam and Lena will be releasing their first male-male-female threesome ear tone. sex tape

Enhanced

Adam, 39 – real name Adam John Grandmaison – boasted about his masculinity, adding that giving Lena permission enhanced his manliness.

enhanced his manliness. He said: "It takes a real man to share his wife."

For the Love of Lena saw 10 male competitors vying to climb into bed with them.

The series was released on YouTube last month and

on YouTube last month and includes competitors such as TikToker Cripmac and porn star John Legendary.

It comes after the couple went viral for indulging in a live threeway with OnlyFans sensation Brianna Coppage, who famously quit her job after she was "outed" for her adult content last month.





Gemma: I'd

strip naked for Playboy

REALITY telly star Gemma Collins has revealed she is ready to be the next Playboy cover girl after she stripped naked on TV for The Real Full Monty Christmas charity special.

The TOWIE star, 42 (above), said she loves her body and is happy to get her kit off for all the "curvy girlies" without letting anyone tear her down.

As part of the ITV

As part of the ITV show, Gemma will be stripping down to bare all in a bid to raise awareness of checking

all in a bid to raise awareness of checking for cancer.

After overcoming a somewhat first awkward encounter with fellow celebs, Gemma has now embraced her naked self and is eager to do an elegant shoot for the famous brand created by the late Hugh Hefner. When asked if she would strip off again, Gem said: "It has to be for a good cause where other people can benefit. But I could do Playboy. The late Anna Nicole Smith did it in a really tasteful way. "So if I could do it, then why not?!"



IF the human eye was a digital camera it would have 576 megapixels

Duo charged over dead bird trading

TWO men are accused of illing thousands of birds
illing thousands of birds
including Golden and
Bald Eagles – and selling
their body parts.
Simon Paul and Travis
John Branson were

John Branson were accused in Montana of killing 3,600 birds, including Bald Eagles – the US national symbol.
Branson boasted in messages that he was "out here committing felonies" and told buyers he was "on a killing spree".
Paul and Branson "illegally sold the eagles

Paul and Branson
"illegally sold the eagles
on the black market for
huge sums of cash across
the US and elsewhere",
the filing claims.
The poaching duo
allegedly carried out the
lucrative scheme from

January 2015 to March 2021, selling wings and tails of the regal animals they killed near Ronan, Montana, on the outskirts of the Flathead Indian Reservation, the filing















Hooker stole punter's wallet after watersports sex romp

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A MAN paid a hooker £300 to pee on him — then opened fire on her for stealing his wallet while he

stealing his wallet while he was soaking in her urine.
David Martin Butts, 66, told cops he paid Brittany Abosede, 34, to perform a "golden shower" in the bathtub of a Pennsylvania hotel.
He claims she then stole his wallet while he was still in the tub after his kinky pay-for-spray session.

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When he ran out to confront her in her car, Butts claimed he panicked when he saw her reaching under her seat to pull out "something dark".

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"Butts advised he didn't recall shooting his gun, but stated he was afraid Abosede was producing a weapon," the arrest affidavit states, with the soaked man claiming that he then found his wallet abandoned in the motel car park. car park.

car park.

During her interview,
Abosede confirmed
that "Butts paid her to
urinate on him", saying
she then just went to
her car, parked outside
the Days Inn on Route
30 in Manchester
Township, where she
was eating crisps and
watching TikTok videos
when the middle-aged
man ran out with the
gun.

when she began to drive away, he fired the gun, striking her SUV.

Cops later found a

CHARGED: Brittany Abosede and (below) the Days Inn where the pair hooked up

bullet hole in the vehicle's door frame and a 9mm cartridge casing

in the car park.
Butts had denied shooting at Abosede, but police found a 9mm handgun in his vehicle.

Butts has since been charged with multiple assault counts, reckless endangerment, patronising a worker.

Abosede was charged with whoring and theft.

Falling tree kills shitting man, 27

A MAN died instantly when a tree fell on him as he was having a shit. According to local reports, Benudhar Mandal, 27, was "answering nature's call" in Koraput in the ledicing settle of in the Indian state of Odisha, which had just been hit by a cyclone. Tragically, Benudhar was in his home village

was in his home village to make preparations for the funeral of his recently-deceased father. A police official said: "Mandal's 67-year-old father died at his home. Later, Mandal's family brought the body of his brought the body of his father to their native village for last rites. "While the relatives

and family members were busy making arrangements for cremation, Mandal went to the back yard to answer nature's call when a tree branch fell on him and he died."









Miss nicked for sex with teen student

A SUPPLY teacher has been charged with having an unlawful sexual relationship with a student.

The DeKalb County Sheriff's Office in Alabama says deputies arrested Kristen Jade Ford, 30 (above).

This came after the sheriff's office said it received "several complaints" about her. It's believed that rumours of a sexual relationship between Ford and a 17-year-old male student had been doing the rounds on social media.

Ford was employed as a substitute teacher with DeKalb County Board of Education.

DeKalb County Sheriff Nick Welden said: "Cases involving our children are never easy, but I am thankful for our Investigation Unit and their diligence in resolving this case so fast.

"Our children are our future and protecting them is our number one priority."

Fact me!

GERMAN men celebrate Father's Day by pulling small wagons filled with beer into parks and drinking until

Sir pulled pants down for pupils

A SUPPLY teacher has been arrested for allegedly pulling down his parts and showing his naked buttocks and genitals to a class full of 11 wardles

of 11-year-olds.
Stephen Canciani,
32, was arrested at
Anderson Middle School
in California after
complaints by horrified students.

The pupils were able to snap a photo that appears to show the teacher at his desk with part of his backside visible and his right hand tucked into a front pocket.

Pupils also reported

seeing his genitals.

"The Vice-Principal said that two students came to her office and told her that they could see Canciani's bare buttocks and that his pants were partially down," Anderson Police

down," Anderson Police
Department said in an
arrest report.
Investigators took
statements from students
that led to a warrant being
issued for Canciani's arrest on charges of indecent exposure.





OUT ON BAIL: Gabriela Cartaya-Neufeld

THERE can be few things more embarrassing than being caught mid-bonk by your MOTHER.

mid-bonk by your MOTHER.

But one teenager's shame was compounded by the fact he was hanging out the back of one of his TEACHERS when his mum discovered him in flagrante.

And it was worse for the red-faced educator, who now faces criminal charges for sex with a pupil.

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department said that Gabriela Cartaya-Neufeld, 26, and the male student, 18, were caught in the act by his mum at a park near the school.

At court, prosecutors said the mother used a tracking app to locate her son. She then drove to the location, saw the two engaging in a sex act, and

her son. She then drove to the location, saw the two engaging in a sex act, and took photos of the car and number plate before calling cops.

Cartaya-Neufeld, a teacher at South Mecklenburg High School in Charlotte, North Carolina, was arrested at the scene.

She was later charged with five counts of sexual activity with a student by a teacher and taken to the Mecklenburg County jail, but has since been bailed.

Court documents show the pair have had sex at least five times since October, with encounters happening

October, with encounters happening at the student's mother's home,

By BRAD CHADWICK news@sundaysport.co.uk

Cartaya-Neufeld's home, and in a car.
Since her arrest, Cartaya-Neufeld
has resigned from her post after being
suspended on full pay.
Prosecutors said rumours about
the student-teacher relationship had
been circulating campus for months,
with administrators questioning both
about it. about it.

about it.

The student's mother started to get suspicious when he didn't attend rugby practice, prosecutors added.

South Mecklenburg principal Marc Angerer said in a statement to parents and students: "Although I cannot discuss personnel information, I wanted to inform you that we take this matter seriously and we share your concerns regarding this situation. "The safety and security of our students and staff is of the utmost importance to us all."



Cuba fights off Jet Skier

COMMIE Cubans say they have thwarted an attempt nave thwarted an attempt to overthrow their Socialist hellhole isle – by one man on a Jet Ski. The unidentified and supposedly heavily armed conspirator landed on

Cuba's northern coast and made his way inland to his native Cienfuegos, where he tried to rally others to his cause.

The government said the one-man invasion force was just the latest Miami-based plot to wreak havoc on the island. "The Cubans involved

in these events residing in the United States have links with terrorists who live in that country and who publicly promote violent actions against Cuba," regime spokesman Humberto Lopez raved.

KELLY'S 'GOLDEN

BUSY singer Kelly Clarkson saves time by brushing her teeth and PISSING in the shower.

The 41-year-old American Idol winner revealed her regime while interviewing Saturday Night Live star Kenan Thompson on her chat show.

Kelly said: "Here's the thing... I don't regularly brush my teeth in the shower. I just do if I'm in a hurry. Now, I do happen to be in a hurry often."

The Since U Been Gone crooner pees "almost every time in the shower" too, adding that it makes her feel "productive".

"No, but you can't help it," Clarkson said. "It goes back to that childhood sleepover, they put your hand in the hot water, and sometimes you pee.

you pee. "The hot water hits your

"The hot water hits your body and — not every time, but, like, if I've gotta go..."
Several of Clarkson's fans were divided on how to feel.
"Oh, Kelly, you unfiltered queen," one fan giggled on the show's YouTube page. "I freaking love her so much!"

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Man's shot in balls by love of life

A MAN says he still loves his ex-girlfriend, who was arrested for shooting him in the BOLLOCKS.

Charlie Glenn said he was asked by his ex-girlfriend Tonya Nester, 36 (above), to take a walk when he realised she had a pistol on her.

Charlie said: "She said it was a pellet gun, and I said, 'Let me see it because I'm not going anywhere with you if you have a gun', and she pulled it out and shot me!"

He wrestled the gun away from Nester, despite being injured and bleeding, while family members called the emergency services.

Officers were able

officers were able to catch up with the ex-girlfriend about half mile from the house where the shooting took place in Hamilton, Ohio. Nester now faces

charges of assault. Charlie added: "I still to this day love her."

GRAN THEFT

GRIEVING Amy Rost is devastated after her late gran's ashes were stolen from her porch, where they had been dropped off by posties in Memphis, Tennessee.



SUNDAY, MONDAY & TUESDAY





















Woman serving life is guilty of second murder

A WOMAN serving life in prison for killing her wife has now been found

in prison for killing her wife has now been found guilty of murdering her ex-girlfriend more than a decade ago.
Joyce Marie Pelzer, 47 (above), was convicted for the 2011 kidnapping and murder of her ex. Shawndell McLeod.
She was aided in the killing by wife Rosalyn Lewis, who Pelzer then later stabbed to death in December 2018, leading to her current life sentence.
After the latest conviction, the inmate was sentenced to life without the possibility of parole.
McLeod was reported missing by her mother in September 2011, shortly after ending an abusive relationship with Pelzer.
A few days later, police found McLeod's

A few days later, police found McLeod's vehicle in southeast Atlanta with a tarp

Atlanta with a tarp and a spare tyre in the backseat.

The case went cold for more than seven years until cops quizzed Pelzer's latest lover in August 2018 – who said Pelzer admitted to killing McLeod.



Ages, people believed that farting in jars and sniffing them would prevent death.

Cowboy ruins £500k of wine

A MAN dressed as a cowboy broke into a family-run winery and destroyed £500k worth of posh plonk before fleeing into nearby woods.

The unidentified suspect

was filmed wearing a cowboy hat, a poncho and a mask as he strolled up to the side door of Sparkman Cellars in Woodinville, Washington state.

Video from the warehouse later showed gallons of hand-crafted white wine flooding out of tanks, spilling to the ground and going down the drains.

The Sparkman family estimated it lost nearly 5,000 gallons, or 21,000 bottles worth of wine.

"It just shows the

person wanted to hit the winery as hard as they could to take the biggest loss that they could," King County Sheriff's Office Sgt Eric White said in a statement.



short of a sensation.

Her latest concert tour grossed £829million, while also crashing ticket sites, selling out hotels and even generated an earthquake in the US city of Seattle which measured 2.3 on the Richter Scale

Scale.
On top of that, the singer was last week awarded the *TIME* Person of the Year Award – and she looks like she may have finally found true love with American football hunk Travis Kelce.

Warped

But the poplet is clearly not immune to the warped fantasies of PERVERTS!

An investigation by The Midweek Sport has discovered hitech animations showing a computer-generated Taylor and Kelce engaged in an explicit sex romp.

sex romp.

The clips are available of X-rated websites and freely available to all.

Other racy images of Taylor using sinister "deepfake" technology can also be found online online.

However, The Midweek Sport has decided these images are too

upsetting to reproduce here.

Last night a close pal of the star said: "Naturally, Taylor is

aware that her stratospheric

aware that her stratospheric profile makes her a target for this sort of unwanted attention. "But the thought that some pervert in his basement lair is going to all the trouble and using all this computing power to create this sort of imagery should make us reflect on where our society is going."

It's been reported that Travis is planning a surprise party for Taylor Swift's 34th birthday today and there are suggestions

Taylor Switts 34th Dirthday today and there are suggestions the Kansas City Chiefs star could even propose!

The couple's romance has taken the world by storm since they went public in September.









<u>Answers on</u> <u>a postcard?</u> Well that's

IT was my missus's birthday on Monday. And mine, last week.

Neither of those insignificant events will mean much to anyone

but us, of course.
But it's the what-happened-next bit that might strike a chord...
Which was, in a nutshell, bugger all.

Which was, in a nutshell, bugger all.
Our postman — or woman, or
whatever they invent today — is
absolutely SHIT.
I can say this as I know they read
no more of this newspaper than they
do of little things like "names" and
"addresses" and "postcodes".
I know that they quite literally and
figuratively ignore the

figuratively ignore the end of the road we live on because, being near the prom, it occasionally rains. Or gets a bit windy.

Death

Like it does across the entire United Kingdom.
They love prancing
up and down the road
in the summer in their

shorts, tossing red rubber bands all over the pavements and the pavements and rendering many birds and small mammals to an early, excruciating



HAPPY birthday to my She doesn't look a

death. But delivering the post?

It seems too much to ask of people paid quite specifically to deliver post to deliver post, doesn't it?

Instead, our first thought when otherwise waiting for, say, your deaf wife's hospital appointment, or an update on whether your arse cancer check has come through yet is quite

update on whether your arse cancer check has come through yet, is, quite naturally:

"Does my post person get treated in a diverse and inclusive manner with a decent salary and LQBTQ rights and an enduring devotion to the NHS?

"Do they think twice rightfully considering pronouns, genders, sixth formers, addled brains, and the Liberal Democrats?

"Toast"

Toast

"Do they wake up bathed in a bathrobe or The Guardian's G2 The Guardian's section prea section preaching about how men can give birth and how to make

non-racist toast?"
Or, is it:
"Is that lazy c**t
ever going to deliver
our f**king post, or
whot?!"

I'd say answers on a postcard, but we all know that's utterly pointless.

Rishi's in some Major sh*t

THE last time I saw a prime minister in this much shit was in the desperate, dying days of John Major's government back in 1997.

That was when Tony Blair knocked the Tory incumbents off their governmental perch and set about, to much popular media cheer, screwing the country.

They f**ked pubs in the arse with their highly

illiberal and much lied-about smoking ban.

illiberal and much lied-about smoking ban.
They turned universities into very expensive creches that would leave those attending with no better education but buggered financially for their whole lives.
Oh, and yes, one other thing...
They murdered lots and lots of people in dusty places because some dickhead seeking future fame with a self-deluded and demented podcast concoted a fantasy that led to a type of genocide that his own insane party claims to deplore.
Good luck with that. Good luck with that.



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Mad shopper kills assistant with golf club

A SHOP assistant was killed when a deranged customer drove a golf club through his chest.
Taylor Justin Schulz,
44 (above), brought several items to the counter of Oak Grove Grocery, a store near downtown Minneapolis, just before launching the unprovoked attack. Schulz impaled the 66-year-old employee – identified as Robert Skafte – "through the torso" with the club before fleeing, the Minneapolis Police Department said.
Neighbour Tony Gutoski, who happened to walk into the store in the aftermath, said that Mr Skafte was conscious and alert, deprits the injuries

that Mr Skafte was conscious and alert, despite the injuries.

"He was speaking, he answered questions," Mr Gutoski said.

"He told me the dude that came in earlier, that was acting crazy and yelling about shit, came back and attacked him."

Mr Skafte died later in hospital.

After a six-hour

in hospital.
After a six-hour
standoff with cops,
Schulz was arrested
and now faces a
murder charge.

Fact me! **HOUSE** cats share 95.6% of their genetic make-up with tigers.

Schoolboy's prank mass shooting call

AN 11-year-old boy called cops to report a shooter was on the loose at his school – just because he wanted to go home early. Taryn Louis-Jean called

911 around 9.30am, just after the school day had started at Horizon Academy in Marion Oaks in Orlando, Florida. "Help! There is a school

shooter walking through the hallway," Louis-Jean can be heard telling a

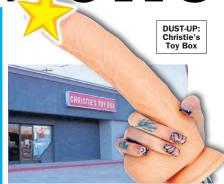
can be neard teiling a dispatcher in the released "emergency" call.
Dispatchers rushed every available cop to the middle school, which was then put under lockdown.

The Marion County Sheriff's Office said in a statement "Louis-Jean told his friend he wanted to go home early, and when that same friend left his mobile unattended, Louis-Jean used it to call us about an active shooter. Louis-Jean has since

been charged with making a false report of a mass shooting.







A COP has been charged with twatting a sex shop worker in a rage over his partner wanting to buy a toy penis larger than his own manhood.

David DeWitt, a commanding officer at the Pottawatomie County Sheriff's Office in Oklahoma, went to Christie's Toy Box in the city with a woman and began arguing about Sex toys

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sex tovs.

Each time she pointed out a desired object in out a desired object in the store, the lawman got angry and said she did not need a fake penis that took her fancy as it was "bigger than his," the clerk told cops. A worker intervened when he saw DeWitt raising his hands like he

was about to backhand the woman and asked him to calm down and leave the X-rated shop,

police said.
"F**k you, I'm a cop!"
DeWitt snapped back.

Batteries

When the couple brought some items to the counter, the clerk asked DeWitt if he would like to buy some batteries for the device. "What the f* "k did you say to me, fat boy?" the incensed cop asked. After the worker said: "Dude, get the f**k out of my face," DeWitt went behind the counter and punched the clerk several

behind the counter and punched the clerk several times in the face and rib cage area. DeWitt also threw sweets and mints across the store, just for the worker to toss a boxed

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sex toy at him as he left

sex toy at him as he left
the premises.

"Call the f**king cops!
I'm an officer of the
law." DeWitt reportedly
shouted at him.

"You don't f**king
assault me. I can have
you arrested and jailed
to where you will never
get out!"

The victim told police
that DeWitt then sped
offin a black convertible
Bentley with a private
registration plate that
read INVICTA — Latin
for undefeatable or
unconquerable.

DeWitt was pulled
over for speeding and
about to be let go with
a warning when a cop
heard an alert about the
dildo dust-up.

The trooper notified
the Oklahoma City
Police Department that
they send the suspect at
the scene, where he was
then taken into custody
without incident and
county Jail.
Pottawatomie County
Sheriff Mike Booth said
in a statement that
DeWitt has since the

in a statement that DeWitt has since been suspended with full pay pending a probe.

UK set for White Christmas!

SNOW could fall in parts of Britain in the period between Christmas Day and New Year's Day, the Met Office says.

Metmen said in their long-range forecast that the chances of a "colder spell of weather with hazards such as snow and ice" towards late December are increasing.

But families hoping to go sledging must wait a little longer for confirmation, given that the Met Office can only accurately forecast snow up to five days beforehand. And the chances of a widespread covering for the UK

would be unlikely, given that such conditions have only happened four times since 1960 – most recently in 2010.





Dear Ashleigh,

I'M a 38-year-old fella and have been single since divorcing my wife

I'M a 38-year-old fella and have been single since divorcing my wife a couple of months ago... and I've also been horny as f**k! I decided to do something about it and soon I met a fit 28-year-old blonde down at my local.

After a few drinks she began rubbing her hand up my leg and even patted my cock when no one was looking.

I whisked her back to my place and I had barely closed the front door before she had my cock out of my trousers and down the back of her throat.

Within a few moments we were shagging each other silly in all kinds of positions and we finished off by enjoying furious anal on the kitchen floor.

the kitchen floor.

The problem is I haven't exercised in years and now I think I've

buggered my back.
Am I too old for this nookie lark?

Ashleigh says...

AT least you have ONE muscle that's working fine!

Dear Ashleigh,

I HAVE been with my girlfriend for a year and I thought we were getting on great – in and out of the bedroom – until a

were getting on great – in and out of the bedroom – until a few weeks ago.

My girlfriend is quite good friends with one of her exes and they still spend time together.

I didn't mind because he seems a decent enough bloke and he told me he'd never do the dirty on me and even gave me tips on what really turns her on sexually.

But our relationship changed when we all went to the gym together the other day because, in the changing room, I discovered her ex is hung like a donkey.

He is double the size of me. I was shocked and it made me think I am not satisfying her like he did.

The situation is really freaking me out and it's starting to affect my performance in bed. What should I do?

NC, Norfolk

Ashleigh says...

HOW many times does it have to be said... it's not the size, it's what you do with it that counts.

I gave older and bolder blonde a special delivery

Dear Ashleigh,

I WORK for a parcels service and female customers love my

and temale customers love my special deliveries.
Most of my contacts are housewives whose husbands are at work.
My favourite is a 45-year-old fit blonde who is older, wealthier and knows loads of tricks.

I took a parcel the other week and she whisked me in before I could even ring the doorbell.

She was wearing a tight blouse and a short skirt, exposing her bronzed bare thighs.

I went straight for her half-open blouse and slipped

it off before unclipping her bra and freeing her boobs. As I played with them, she slipped to her knees, pulled out my eight-incher and began

out my eight-incher and began sucking it.
Soon we were both naked and I shagged her standing up in the hallway until we had simultaneous orgasms.
Now she's desperate for me to make a return visit, but I'm varried about lesing my ich

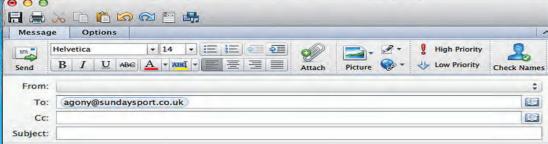
worried about losing my job.
What should I do?
VK, Birmingham

Ashleigh says...

CARRY on bonking. Your boss has probably had exactly the same experience!



WELCOME to the World famous Sport Agony page! No other newspaper's agony aunts can offer the level of advice – or experience – than our own Agony Angels! This week ASHLEIGH GEE has been reading through your letters. And here's her advice for you...



My girl insists on showing our sex tape to her mates

Dear Ashleigh,

I'VE been with my gorgeous girl for about six months and we have a pretty amazing sex life.

We are into bondage in a big way and enjoy dressing up and watching sex videos together.

A couple of months ago she came home with a professional movie camera that she'd borrowed from someone at work and I knew straight away what she had in mind.

I was totally turned on by the idea and we agreed to play our favourite sex

game.

I pretended to be a workman who arrives at a house to find a beautiful, but frustrated and horny, housewife crying out for a good screwing.

Slurped

We set up the camera in the kitchen and she put on her sexiest nightie with

nothing underneath.

I rang the bell and she let me in. I was pretending to fix the tumble dryer as she bent over in front of me, showing her

She sank to her knees and released my hard cock before taking me into her

mouth.

And she made sure the camera picked

up every glistening inch of my cock disappearing deep down her throat. She slurped on my manhood and stroked my shaft from the tip to my balls

as I moaned loudly with pleasure. We were both so turned on she could

sense I was about to come, so she

sense I was about to come, so she withdrew her lips just in time.

Without further ado, she plunged her gaping love-hole down hard on me, taking my eight-incher to the hilt-crying out with pleasure as she rode me until we climaxed together.

The problem is I've since found out that my girlfriend made a copy of the

film and has been showing it to her girlie

I like her a lot, but I feel used and betrayed and I'm wondering whether to dump her. What do you think?

G.I. Essex

Dear Ashleigh,

I LOVE giving my hubby a gobble and get all hot and horny when he shoots down my throat.

But he refuses go down on me in return. He says it's not natural for blokes to go down there, even though he's seen male actors do it in porn films.

He says I shouldn't give to receive and should do it because I like to.
I do enjoy it, because it pleases him, but surely he should feel the same about

What do you think?

MG. Newcastle

Ashleigh says...

STOP your moaning. Most blokes would be pleased to be shown off like that to their

Ashleigh says...

TELL him to lick you out or pack his bags!

Coach driver's ride of his life with horny hen girls

Dear Ashleigh,

I'M a coach driver and I recently took 30 horny women

I'M a coach driver and I recently took 30 horny women on a hen night.

During the journey to a city nightclub the girls got merrier and merrier as they got stuck into a neverending supply of Prosecco, so eventually we pulled into a service area for a piss stop.

As I was about to get off the coach to have a leek myself, this blonde cracker with big tits grabbed me by the bollocks and led me to the cramped toilet.

Moments later, she was sucking me off expertly As

Moments later, she was sucking me off expertly. As I was about to shoot my load, she whipped my cock out of her mouth, sat me on the bog and then started riding me for all she was worth.

Fingering

When we'd finished I opened the bog door and couldn't believe my eyes. There was now a queue of 10 randy women!

I couldn't believe my good luck and quickly rose to the challenge. I ended up shagging, fingering or licking out all of them.

When the bus arrived at our destination, one girl said that she wanted to be "f**ked silly" on the back seat so I took her from behind and all the girls cheered

seat, so I took her from behind and all the girls cheered when I came.

Unfortunately, on the way home they were all too busy throwing up to give any more blowjobs, but it was

Ashleigh says...

SOUNDS like you had the ride of your life!

Dear Ashleigh,

I'M a married man in my mid-40s and I make love to my wife two or three times year.
But the youngsters these

days seem to be bonking every minute of the day. We live near a row of

shops that include a takeaway and an off

licence.
On weekend nights gangs of boys and girls gather outside – smoking, drinking and swearing like

troopers.

And some of them go around the back and have intercourse.
I can see the rear of the

shops from my back bedroom window and I often sit there for hours with my binoculars watching these sordid goings-on.

I have seen full sex. heavy petting, oral sex and even some doggy-style action – and I think it's bloody disgusting. One particular big-boobed

girl often leads boys around there, kneels before them and gives them oral to completion.

wife, but she just says they're youngsters having a

Should I tell the police?

DH. Devon

Ashleigh says...

YOU'RE not fooling anyone.



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 10. Post off (5)
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 12. Merges (5)
 13. Shortage (7)
 15. Male swan (3)
 17. Soon (4)
 18. Leisurely walk (6)
 19. Incensed with anger (5)
 20. A dogsbody (6)
 22. Speed contest (4)
 24. Sweet potato (3)
 25. Bring to maturity (7)
 26. Card game (5)

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 28. Apt to cry (5)
 29. Gymnast's costume (7)
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 31. Screams (5)

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- 3. Primary source (6) 4. Sound of disapproval (3)
- 5. Swagger (5)
- 6. Flower-shaped badge (7) 7. Burden (4) 8. Car fuel (6)

- 12. Filament (5)
 13. Beau (5)
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 25. Decease (5)
 26. Animal skin (4)
 28. Dryly humorous (3)

1. WHO was crowned winner of the latest *I'm* a Celebrity which finished

- a Celebrity which fir on Sunday? a) Sam Fox b) Sam Allardyce c) Sam Smith d) Sam Thompson
- 2. WHICH club have now scored the highest number of injury time winning goals in the Premier League, after a Premier League, arter 91st-minute strike at Crystal Palace? a) Man City b) Aston Villa c) Liverpool d) Arsenal

- 3. WHAT is the name of new super-strength opioids manufactured in illicit Chinese labs which have been linked to at least 54 deaths in the UK over the last six months?
- a) Nitazenes b) Vitazenes c) AytaBetazenes d) Hizakytazenes
- 4. A GRAMMY award presented to which member of The Beatles in
- 1972 is expected to sell for £500k at auction?
 a) Paul McCartney
 b) George Harrison
 c) John Lennon
- d) Ringo Starr

5. WHAT valuable item, worth £640,000, was lost in the luxury Ritz hotel in Paris before being found

OUZ: 1 − D, 2 − C, 4 − C, 5 − B, 6 − B, 8 − A, 9 − C, 10 − D

15. Coral; 16. Bleep; 21. Ravage; 22. Recede; 23. Compel; 25. Death; 26. Pelt; 28. Wry.

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- in a vacuum cleaner bag?
 a) Designer watch
 b) Diamond ring

- c) Bag of drugs d) Antique false eye
- 6. WHICH city has been named the cancer capital of Britain in a new survey by Macmillan support? a) Liverpool b) Manchester

- c) London d) Birmingham
- 7. WHICH Royle Family star admits they find it hard to watch the show after the deaths of Caroline Aherne and Liz Smith? a) Ricky Tomlinson b) Ralf Little c) Sue Johnston d) Craig Cash

- 8. WHO was the latest celebrity voted off *Strictly*

- Come Dancing, just missing out on a place in the show's final? a) Annabel Croft b) Ellie Leach c) Layton Williams d) Bobby Brazier

- 9. WHO is the massive 9. WHO is the massive
 10-1 ON favourite to win
 BBC Sports Personality of
 the Year with the
 bookmakers?
 a) Frankie Dettori
 b) Stuart Broad
 c) Mary Earps
- d) Katerina Johnson-Thompson
- 10. A COUPLE proposed to eachother on live telly at an Audience With... which pop superstar at the weekend?
- a) Madonna b) Katy Perry c) Taylor Swift d) Kylie Minogue

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Rocket wrong to pull out says Liam

SNOOKER

RONNIE O'Sullivan has been accused of "disrespect" by the player whose dreams of facing the world

tacing the world number one were dashed at the Scottish Open in Edinburgh on Monday. The seven-time world champion withdrew from the event citing medical reasons just hours before he was scheduled to face 19-year-old Liam Graham in a first

Graham in a first round match.
Graham criticised the timing of O'Sullivan's decision, saying: "It's disrespectful, it's not right.
"A lot of people took time off work to come and worth today and

and watch today and it's disappointing.
"It's not surprising given the things he does.

does.
"I found out when I got to the venue this morning. I didn't have much prior warning – I think he pulled out very late."
O'Sullivan, who won his record extending

very late."
O'Sullivan, who won his record-extending eighth UK title in York earlier this month, has now withdrawn from five of eight ranking tournaments this season, not including the Snooker Shootout.

Last month, he pulled out from the Champion of Champions event in Bolton due to "mentally feeling a bit drained and stressed".

It comes amid a time of tension between the player and World Snooker Tour chiefs over his desire to have the freedom to play in lucrative exhibitions in China.

In the wake of his

China.

In the wake of his final win over Ding Junhui in York, Junhui in York,
O'Sullivan insisted
officials "seem to want
me to hand my
resignation in" – a
claim flatly denied by
WST.
Graham, who is in
his first year as a

Graham, who is in his first year as a professional, added: "At the end of the day I want to play the best players in the world and I was really looking forward to it."

Judd Trump shrugged off his UK

Championship disappointment by cruising through his

opening match.
Trump fired a 142 in
a 4-0 win over amateur
Sydney Wilson.

BBC SPORTS PERSONALITY O

ENGLAND goalkeeper Mary Earps leads the six nominees to succeed team-mate Beth Mead for the BBC Sports Personality of the Year award.

Personality of the Year award.
The 30-year-old helped England reach the Women's World Cupfinal in August before losing out 1-0 to winners Spain in the final.
The Manchester United stopper is currently the bookmakers runaway favourite to take the award after picking up further accolades. She was named England Women player of the year, came fifth in the 2023 Ballon d'Or Feminin award – the highest-everrankingfora goalkeeper – and kept a Women's Super League record 14 clean sheets for United.
Earps is joined on the shortlist by retired cricketer Stuart Broad, former jockey Frankie Dettori, heptathlete Katarina Johnson-

By PAUL THOMAS

Thompson, wheelchair tennis player Alfie Hewett and golfer Rory McIlroy.

Broad will be aiming to become the first cricketer to win the award since Ben Stokes in 2019.

He became England's second leading Test wicket taker with 604 before announcing his retirement on the penultimate day of the fifth and final Ashes Test and helping them draw the series against Australia at final Ashes Test and helping them draw the series against Australia at the Oval by taking a wicket with his final ball bowled and hitting a six off the last ball he faced.

Liverpool-born Johnson-Thompson came back from injury to win her second world title in Budapest this year.

Her build-up to the Tokyo 2020 Olympics was undermined by an Achilles injury which forced her to pull out but the 30-year-old bounced

back with a Commonwealth Games title in Birmingham and then conquered the world in Budapest.

Three-time British Flat racing champion jockey Dettori triumphed in two British classics this year, winning the 2,000 Guineas and the Oaks and is joined by wheelchair tennis player Hewett and world number two in golf McIlroy.

Hewett was 2023 Australian Open and US Open singles champion and also claimed three of the four grand slam titles on offer in doubles alongside Gordon Reid, while McIlroy was the top points scorer in Europe's Ryder Cup victory.

The winner of the public vote will be announced on the night of the live show on Tuesday, December 19.

Here's all you need to know about the contenders...

MARY EARPS

The 30-year-old Man United and

England goalkeeper helped the Lionesses reach the World Cup final in Australia in August. Earps, who saved a penalty in the final and kept three clean sheets during the tournament, was awarded the Golden Glove.

STUART BROAD

The second-highest England Test wicket-taker with 604, 37-year-old Broad announced his retirement on July 29 on the penultimate day of the final Ashes Test against Australia at the Oval. He signed off in dramatic feaking hittings agive fibre final half fashion, hitting a six off his final ball faced and taking a wicket with his final delivery to secure a win that resulted in the series being drawn, with Australia retaining the Ashes.
FRANKIE DETTORI

The three-time British Flat racing champion jockey triumphed in two British classics this year, winning the 2000 Guineas on Chaldean and

THE YEAR SHORTLIST



the Oaks on Soul Sister. Milanborn Dettori, 52, announced in December 2022 that he would retire after 2023 but in October he revealed plans to move to California and continue to race in the United States and on the international circuit.

international circuit.

KATARINA JOHNSON-THOMPSON

The heptathlete came back from injury to win her second world title in Budapest. Her build-up to the Tokyo 2020 Olympics was undermined by an Achilles injury and it flared up during the 200 metres, forcing her to pull out. The 30-year-old bounced back with a Commonwealth Games title in Birmingham last year and then conquered the world again in Hungary.

RORY MCILROY

The Northern Irishman was

Europe's top-scorer, winning four out of five matches, as the team bounced back from their heaviest defeat to the US to triumph in this year's Ryder Cup—the fifth time he has won. Fourtime major champion McIlroy, 34, also registered 13 top-10 finishes on the PGA Tour in 2023, wan the Scottish Open retained won the Scottish Open, retained the Race to Dubai and spent time in the world number one spot.

ALFIE HEWETT

World number one wheelchair tennis player Hewett was singles champion at both the Australian Openand US Openand runner-up in the French Open and Wimbledon tournaments, while in doubles, he claimed three out of the grand slam titles alongside Gordon Reid. The 26-year-old also helped Great Britain win the World Team Cup.





WEDNESDAY
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- GRIDIRON: NFL. Cincinnati Bengals v Minnesota Vikings – Sky Sports NFL 1730, Indianapolis Colts v Pittsburgh Steelers – Sky Sports NFL 2115, Sky Sports Main Event 2300, Detroit Lions v Denver Broncos – Sky Sports Main Event, Sky NFL 0115 (Sun).

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Joseph keeps options open for Banbridge

By DON FRANCOME

JOSEPH O'Brien is pondering the options for Grade One scorer Banbridge ahead of his impending return to the

A Cheltenham Festival A Cheltenham Festival winner over hurdles in 2022, the seven-year-old made a real impression in his novice chasing season, winning at Cheltenham in the autumn and chasing home El Fabiolo in the Irish Arkle before securing bigrace success at Aintree in

race success at Aintree in the spring. Soft ground and the persistent wet weather has so far seen him kept under wraps this season, but O'Brien is eager to get his campaign up and running and is mulling over the numerous

over the numerous upcoming options.

A step up to three miles could be on the cards if electing to run in either Leopardstown's Savills Chase (December 28) or the Savills New Year's Chase at Tramore, while a trip to Kempton for the Coral Silviniaco Conti Chase on January 13 is another possibility. "He's in good shape and he has a few options over

the Christmas period and into the new year and when we find the suitable race for him he will be ready to make his reappearance," said O'Brien.

"He has the entry at Leopardstown and there is also the Silviniaco Conti at Kempton in the new year and there's the race on New Year's Day at Tramore. There are different races over the next month or so that are all possibilities.

"We're looking forward to getting him back out.

O'Brien is also planning a Christmas appearance for taking Failryhouse scorer Nurburgring, who will take the next step up the juvenile hurdling ladder in Leonardstown's ladder in Leopardstown's Grade Two Knight Frank Juvenile Hurdle on

December 26. He added: "I'm verv

TRAINER: O'Brien

pleased with him and I thought he was quite impressive as well (at Fairyhouse). "The plan for him is he

is likely to go to Leopardstown at Christmas time for the iuvenile hurdle there.'

Meanwhile, Fergal O'Brien's Dysart Enos will take another step in her hurdling career when she lines up at Cheltenham on Friday. The five-year-old was

unbeaten in bumpers, including taking the Listed Alan Swinbank at Market Rasen ahead of the equally-promising Queens Gamble and then the Grade Two Nickel Coin at

Aintree by nine lengths. Her hurdling debut came at Huntingdon in November, where the bay was the seven-and-a-half-length winner of a mares' two-mile novice event.

Cheltenham is her next destination as she holds an entry for the British EBF "National Hunt" Novices' Hurdle, a race in which she we take on geldings over two miles and a furlong. "That's the plan, to go

"That's the plan, to go and give her a spin around there," O'Brien said.
"I know we're against the boys, but fingers crossed it'll be a good bit of experience for her at the track.
"It's a very competitive

"It's a very competitive novice hurdle on paper, but we have to go and try these things, the main reason is to get her there and to see how she handles Cheltenham."

ALL THE TOP TIPS FOR TODAY'S RACING



REBEL'S ROMANCE is expected to make the most of a sizeable drop in class in the Unibet Wild Flower Stakes at Kempton.

Charlie Appleby's five-year-old showcased his talent on the world stage

talent on the world stage last year, with back-to-back Group One wins in Germany followed by a third top-level win in the Breeders' Cup Turf.

For whatever reason, the Dubawi gelding has not been able to replicate those achievements so far this year, with a disappointing run behind Japanese wonder horse Equinox in the Dubai Sheema Classic followed by a heavy fall for rider Richard a heavy fall for rider Richard Mullen after he clipped heels in a Saratoga Grade Two.

Talented

He again ran below expectations when fourth on his return to Grade One level in the Joe Hirsch Turf Classic and did not defend his Breeders' Cup crown last month

month.
Rebel's Romance clearly has questions to answer on his return to home soil, but nis return to nome soil, but he is by far and away the most talented horse in this Listed event and there will be some long faces at Moulton Paddocks if he is unable to take advantage of what looks gilt-edged opportunity on paner

paper. Momaer gets the nod in the

By MIKE FRANCIS

Unibet More Boosts In More Races Fillies' Handicap. Mark Loughnane's charge arrives here off the back of a

fine turf campaign, with wins at Leicester and Newmarket sandwiching a handful of decent efforts in

handle of defeat.

She is unexposed on the all-weather following three starts and she connections will be hoping for a profitable winter.

winter.
Intervention appears well placed to complete his hattrick in the BetUK. It's WhereTheUKBetsHandicap

trick in the BetUK. It's WhereThe UK Bets Handicap at Lingfield.

The six-year-old has won nine times in all for trainer Mick Appleby and successful ownership group The Horse Watchers, seven of those victories coming in 2022.

Intervention subsequently embarked on a 26-race losing streak, but that did at least lead to a drop in the weight and he has profited with back-to-back wins.

It was at Wolverhampton last month where he finally returned to the winner's enclosure and a 4lb rise was nowhere near enough to stop him following up comfortably at this track last week.

It is no surprise connections have orted to turning him.

at this track last week.
Itisnosurpriseconnections
have opted to turning him
out quickly under a 5lb
penalty, while a drop back in
trip from seven to six furlongs is not expected to be an issue for a horse who likes to get on with things in front. Gloves appears an obvious



candidate for the BetMGM:

tr's Showtime Nursery Handicap.
While clearly not one of trainer George Boughey's brighter lights in the juvenile division, she has shown enough to suggest she is more than capable of winning from a mark in the 60s.

Her Achilles heel appears to be the start as on each of her last two runs she has missed the break before doing her best work at the finish.

finish.

She undoubtedly has enough ability to land a race of this nature if she can sort out her issue in the stalls.

The Paul Nicholls-trained Don't Tell Su looks banker material in the Bickham House "National Hunt" Maiden Hurdle at Exeter.

The Chepstow bumper

winner found Grade Two scorer Minella Missile too strong on his hurdling bow at

the same track in October.

Don't Tell Su will not need to improve much if at all on that effort to go one better in

that effort to go one better in Devon.

Lunar Discovery can notch a third win at Hexham in the opening Seasons Greetings From Hexham Bookmakers Mares' Novices' Hurdle, while Apple Away looks the star of the show at Leicester.

Lucinda Russell's Grade One-winning hurdler was set a stiff enough test on her

One-winning hurdler was set a stiff enough test on her chasing debut at Haydock last month.

She has far less on her plate in the @leicesterraces Christmas Meeting 28th December Book Now Begrinners' Chess December Boo Beginners' Chase.

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KEMPTON: 5.00 Hand Jive, 5.30 Rascal
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7.30 REBEL'S ROMANCE (NAP), 8.00

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Mac, 3.05 The Edgar Wallace, 3.35 No

Quarter Asked. LINGFIELD: 12.00 Capuchinero, 12.30 Gloves, 1.00 Stintino Sunset, 1.30 Sarkha, 2.00 Intervention, 2.30 Deed Pole, 3.00 Verbier, 3.30 Shalfa.



CHRIS Woakes is "at ease" with being left out of England's Test tour of

India in the new year.
Woakes collected the
Compton-Miller Medal for player of the series in the Ashes, inspiring England's comeback from 2-0 down to draw 2-2, but is surplus to requirements for the five-match series in

India.

By the lofty standards he sets himself, the 34-year-old's Test record overseas is

sets himself, the 34-year-old's Test record overseas is modest as he averages 51.88 with the ball, exactly 30 runs per wicket higher than a superb resume at home.

Having been notified by England director of men's cricket Rob Key and Test head coach Brendon McCullum ahead of time, Woakes is satisfied to focus on white-ball cricket for the next few months.

"It's mixed emotions," he said. "You're always desperate to be in it, but at the same time, at my age, with my away record—particularly in the subcontinent—I feel like it's a fair decision.

"We had conversations

CRICKET

about where my best cricket is likely to be played moving forward and, naturally in Test cricket, it looks likely to be at home.

"It doesn't mean to say that when there's not subcontinent tours that I won't be available, hopefully they'll still potentially pick me in those.

"But I feel at ease with the decision, if that makes sense.

decision, if that makes sense. The communication was good, I know where I stand so it's fine by me."

<u>Injury</u>

Woakes will instead go to the International League T20 in the United Arab Emirates, which starts in January, and hopes to be snapped up in the Indian Premier League auction for next year's edition.

He was speaking in Barbados, having linked up with England ahead of their five T20s against the West Indies which act as reconnaissance for next year's T20 World Cup in the Caribbean and United States.

States. His last visit to these parts



in March 2022 was in the final throes of Joe Root's captaincy, with a 1-0 Test loss compounded by a knee injury that needed surgery and left Woakes sidelined for several months.

"I wouldn't want that to be the same case going to India, bowling on tracks which are

unresponsive to my type of bowling," Woakes said. "Slamming the front knee down at 34 is not really ideal

when I want to play a lot of white-ball cricket.

"It's different when that's just your sole focus, but when you want to play all forms, it makes it a wise decision."

England played in the first Twenty20 game last night that marked the start of the International Cricket Council's stop clock trial.

If a bowling team is not

If a bowling team is not ready to start an over 60 seconds after the completion of the last one, they will be penalised five runs when it appens for a third time and on each occasion thereafter.

Happy

"We haven't really spoken about it as of yet, but I've seen the idea of it and it kind of makes sense," Woakes added. "It hopefully will speed the game up a little bit. "When you're out there in the middle, you don't feel like you're playing it slow, the game does feel fast. Guys might be taking drinks or swapping gloves and things, but the game does feel pretty quick.

quick. "But "But we're in the entertainment business and we need to make sure the viewers are happy as well. So I think it's a good idea."

- 1. Who were the last English club to win rugby union's Champions Cup?
- 2. Which racecourse stages the Ebor meeting?
- 3. Somerton Park is the former home of which current League Two football club?
- 4. What nationality is former world speedway champion Bruce Penhall?
- 5. When did Paris last host the Olympic Games?
- 6. Yasmin Ingham is the current world champion in what Olympic sport?
- 7. Sir Nick Faldo won two of his three Open titles at which course?
- 8. Which band headlined the 2012 Paralympics closing ceremony?
- 9. Which NFL franchise plays their home matches at the AT&T Stadium?
- 10. How many World Women's Snooker Championships has Reanne Evans won in her career?
- 11. Which club did newly-reappointed Sheffield United boss **Chris Wilder briefly** manage towards the end of last season?
- 12. Which county does spinner Shoaib Bashir play for?
- 13. Who is the current world number one women's tennis player?
- 14. Who won the Snooker Shoot Out at the weekend?
- 15. Chelsea manager Emma Hayes will take over which team after she leaves the WSL club at the end of the
- 16. In which city are NFL team the Commanders based?
- 17. Which Scottish football club are known as the Gable Endies?
- 18. What nationality is boxer Lauren Price?
- 19. Which club does England prop Ellis Genge represent?
- 20. Who will captain Europe in the 2025 Ryder Cup?

ANSWERS: I Exeter; 2 York; 3 Newport County; 4 Vork; 3 Newport County; 4 Menerican; 5 1924; 6 Couboys; 10 12.11

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- 1912: American boxer Henry Armstrong was born. He was the only man to simultaneously hold three world titles when he won the feather, light and welterweight titles, although this reign only lasted for one month in 1938.
- 2002: Leeds midfielder Lee Bowyer was caught stamping on the head of a Malaga player during the UEFA Cup match between the teams. He was subsequently banned for six European
- 2007: The Football Association confirmed it had opened talks with Fabio Capello about the England manager's job. He was officially appointed
- two days later. 2009: Tiger Woods announced he was taking an "indefinite break" from golf to try to save his marriage in the wake of a series of revelations about his private life.
- 2011: England's World Cup-winning fly-half Jonny Wilkinson retired from international rugby. Wilkinson, whose drop-goal secured victory against Australia in the final of the 2003 World Cup, won 91 caps for his country as well as making six Test appearances for the British and Irish Lions.
- 2014: Sam Burgess made his full rugby union debut for Bath. Burgess went on to be a part of England's 2015 World Cup squad, but after a dismal tournament for the hosts he faced widespread criticism and returned to rugby eague with South Sydney Rabbitohs.
- 2015: Anthony Joshua beat Dillian Whyte by knockout to win the British heavyweight title at London's 02
- Arena. 2016: Cristiano Ronaldo crowned a memorable year by being named the world's best player for a fourth time when he won the 2016 Ballon d'Or.
- 2017: Tyson Fury was cleared to fight again immediately after receiving a two-year ban from boxing which was backdated to December 2015.
- 2020: Anthony Joshua retained his WBA, IBF, WBO and IBO heavyweight titles after a ninth-round stoppage of Kubrat Puley in London.
- 2021: Dutch driver Max Verstappen won his first Formula One world championship after beating rival **Lewis Hamilton to** victory at a dramatic season-ending Abu Dhabi Grand Prix.
- 2022: England secured only their third series victory in Pakistan by beating the hosts by 26 runs in the second Test in Multan.

NORWEGIAN A BIG MISS BUT MID

MATEO KOVACIC savs Manchester City will need to raise their level while they are without key players if they are to remain in the Premier League title race.

The champions came from behind to win 2-1 at Luton on Sunday but did so without injured top-scorer Erling Haaland, who was out with a stress fracture in his foot.

Chase

The 23-year-old, who has scored 19 goals this campaign in addition to the 52 he netted in his debut season at City, is also likely to miss Wednesday's Champions League trip to Belgrade to face Red Star and Seturaday's meeting at home to Saturday's meeting at home to Crystal Palace. In-form winger

By PAUL THOMAS

Jeremy Doku also sat out the win at Jeremy Doku also sat out the win at Kenilworth Road with a muscular injury, joining long-term absentee Kevin De Bruyne among those unavailable to manager Pep Guardiola as his team looks to chase down a four-point gap to league-leaders Liverpool.

"Obviously we missed key players like Erling and Kevin, it's never easy when you miss such big players,"

when you miss such big players,

said Kovacic.
"But they are not in the moment here, we need everybody to give 10, 20 per cent more like we did (on Sunday) and then we can win games.

games."

The win was City's first in five matches following draws against Liverpool, Tottenham and Chelsea, prior to last week's loss to Aston Villa. Defeat to Rob Edwards' side

would have left them seven points adrift of the Reds, but victory against Palace will move them to within a point of the top with the sides above them not playing until Sunday.

Bernardo Silva and Jack Grealish each scored in the space of three second-half minutes to turn the game around after Elijah Adebayo's goal at the and of the first paried had goal at the end of the first period had left them facing a fifth straight winless game

Pockets

"The team was confident because we were playing good," said Kovacic. "We had not bad results, some draws where we could have won. "This is football sometimes, then it's about how you come back. Today we came back in a good way. "A big three points. "We showed overall great football, especially in the first half we played

especially in the first half we played very well, we found a lot of players

in the pockets which is what we

in the pockets which is what we want.

"When you do your thing and insist, the goals come. We could have scored even more, but I'm happy with the three points.

"We saw in recent games that big teams can struggle here. We showed that even when the circumstances are like this we can do our best and play good football.

"This team has shown over the years that in the tough moments, they are there, and they were there again (on Sunday)."

Guardiola is not one for bringing

again (on Sunday).

Guardiola is not one for bringing out the hairdryer for his players but he gave them both barrels when they were trailing 1-0 at Kenilworth Rand

His half-time teamtalk clearly did the trick as City turned the game around and kept their title defence

Guardiola revealed what he said

FIELDER VOWS TO FIGHT ON



to his stars. He added: "We have

to his stars. He added: "We have to demand more of ourselves.
"I said to them what are we going to do, feel sorry for ourselves? It's football, it's life. "If they score a second, are we going to complain again and say we were unlucky?
"Strikers' be more aggressive."

"Strikers: be more aggressive and score goals. Defend the crosses better in the last minutes and be positive.

Laughed

"It's normal to say City aren't the same and it's over. That's nice – let's prove that wrong, show that we still want to be there and compete. They're an extraordinary group of players." Grealish has laughed off talk

that City have fought their way out of a crisis after ending their four-match winless run. He

points out that they didn't lose those games.

And City are likely to be crowned world champions before the month is out.

The England forward said: "We lost one game in four and we played four brilliant teams in that run.

"Look at Arsenal. Did they beat Chelsea? No. Did they beat Chelsea? No. Did they beat Chelsea? No. Did they beat Spurs? No. They didn't win against those teams.

"But then we didn't win... it's, "City are in a crisis, blah blah".

"I think people try to act as if

blah".

"I think people try to act as if there's a big crisis when, in reality, there's not.

"We're four points off the top of the league and going to Saudi Arabia next week to try to win a cup that cements us as the best in the world."





Turkish footy stopped after referee attack

DOMESTIC football in Turkey has been suspended indefinitely after a "shameful" and "inhumane" attack on one of the country's top referees, who was punched to the ground by a club president following a Super Lig match. Halil Umut Meler was

approached on the pitch and hit by MKE
Ankaragucu president
Faruk Koca, sparking
chaotic scenes as players and officials joined the melee. It has since been confirmed that he has suffered a broken bone as

a result of the attack.

Meler had sent off one player from each side, then allowed an equaliser for opponents Caykur Rizespor in the seventh minute of stoppage time to force a 1-1 draw.

Turkey's president, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, was quoted in Turkish media condemning the attack, and the Turkish Football Federation swiftly announced the suspension.

Mehmet Buyukeksi, president of the TFF, condemned the incident, which is now in the hands of the police. "Unfortunately, this

attack is very unfortunate and shameful for Turkish football. We believe Turkish football doesn't deserve this and we say enough is enough," he

"All due criminal proceedings against the instigators and those responsible for this inhumane attack have been implemented in coordination with our Government.

"As Turkey's football federation we held an emergency meeting and we have postponed matches in all leagues

indefinitely.
"Our referee's health is more important than anything. There's a fracture in his bone. God willing, there isn't a bigger problem. We will talk about these issues later it's still too new



ATTACKED: Halil Meler

ehalf of the federation blamed a toxic culture towards referees, fostered by many players and club officials, for the extreme developments.
And the warning for Ankaragacu was stark

"The irresponsible statements of club presidents, managers, coaches and TV commentators targeting referees have paved the way for this vile attack today," said the TFF. "The responsible club,

its president, its managers and all criminals who attacked Meler will be punished in the most severe way." According to Turkish

media, both Meler and Koca were taken to hospital, with the latter under guard and expected to be detained following treatment.

FIFA president Gianni Infantino weighed in to

denounce the aggression.
"There is absolutely no
place for violence in
football, on or off the

field," he said. "Events following the Turkish Super Lig match between MKE Ankaragucu and Caykur Rizespor are totally unacceptable and have no place in our sport or

society.
"Without match officials there is no football.

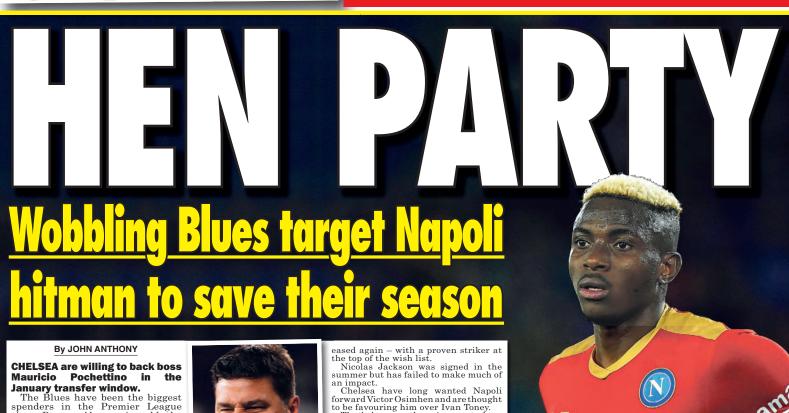
"Referees, players, fans and staff have to be safe and secure to enjoy the game, and I call on the relevant authorities to ensure that this is strictly implemented and respected at all levels."

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TARGET: Osimhen



spenders in the Fremier League since Roman Abramovic sold the club 18 months ago. The current owners have splashed out almost a BILLION pounds on players since then.

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Last summer, around £100m went to Brighton for Moises Caicedo on top of a similar sum for fellow midfielder Enzo Fernandez the season before.

But that spending spree has brought nothing but midtable mediocrity to Stamford Bridge. And pressure is building on Pochettino.

Now the pursestrings are going to be



Nicolas Jackson was signed in the summer but has failed to make much of an impact.

Chelsea have long wanted Napoli forward Victor Osimhen and are thought to be favouring him over Ivan Toney.

That's because there is sure to be a bidding war for the Brentford hitman with Arsenal and Manchester United also interested.

Osimhen is only 24 and is known to be keen on moving to London and the Premier League.

Chelseawon'tbeabletooffer European football but they could put big wages on the table – but the Italians would be looking for at least £75m to part with their prized asset who has scored 65 goals in 115 appearances since arriving from Lille in 2020.